Executive Proclamation

State of South Dakota

Office Of The Governor

WHEREAS, The children of South Dakota are its most important resource; and,

WHEREAS, Books and reading are the basic nourishment of a growing mind and the foundation of a child's future educational enrichment; and,

WHEREAS, Developing children into readers today is the best way of ensuring a literate and informed citizenry tomorrow; and,

WHEREAS, The Book Industry Study Group and others have reported a decline in book reading among young people in recent years; and,

WHEREAS, Since 1983 the National Commission on Excellence, the Commission on Reading and the Library of Congress have urged this nation to give renewed attention to encouraging a love of books and reading among our young people:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, GEORGE S. MICKELSON, Governor of the State of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim 1989, as

SOUTH DAKOTA YEAR OF THE YOUNG READER

in South Dakota.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the the Great Seal of the State of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Ninth Day of January, in the Year of Our Lord, Nineteen Hundred and Eighty-Nine

GEORGE S. MICKELSON, GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

JOYCE HAZELTINE, SECRETARY OF STATE